

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the panel including a start button; and

a controller being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the image data scanned by the scanner into a format for e-mail transmission in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus;

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail~~ e-mail address

of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the mail e-mail address of the user, and is not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 2. (canceled)

Claim 3. (previously presented) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the mail e-mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 5. (canceled).

Claim 6. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store a mail e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel configured to select the mail e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the panel including a start button; and

a controller, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus, being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the image data scanned by the scanner into a format for e-mail transmission.

the controller being further configured to set the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail e-mail address of the user being a mail an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the mail e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (previously presented) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the panel comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 9. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus ~~connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a~~

mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the panel including a start button; and

a controller, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus, being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the image data scanned by the scanner into a format for e-mail transmission,

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user, and is not ~~being~~ returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the panel comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 15. (canceled)

Claim 16. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the panel including a start button; and

a controller, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus, being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the image data scanned by the scanner into a format for e-mail transmission,

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for

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a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the panel including a start button; and

a controller, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus, being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the image data scanned by the scanner into a format for e-mail transmission,

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the

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receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 19. (canceled)

Claim 20. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit the image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the panel including a start button; and

a controller, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus, being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the image data scanned by the scanner into a format for e-mail transmission.

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to

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the mail e-mail address of the user, and is not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 21. (canceled)

Claim 22. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a mail an e-mail address of at least one user, a panel including a start button, the method comprising:

selecting the mail e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus; and

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus; and

setting the selected mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the mail e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 23. (canceled)

Claim 24. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, a panel including a start button, the method comprising:

selecting the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus; and

setting the selected ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 25. (canceled)

Claim 26. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a

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mail an e-mail address of at least one user, a panel including a start button, the method comprising:

selecting the mail e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus; and

setting the selected mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail e-mail address of the user, and is not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 27. (canceled)

Claim 28. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the panel including a start button, the method comprising:

selecting the mail e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 29. (canceled)

Claim 30. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the panel including a start button, the method comprising:

selecting the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus,

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whereby a replay reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 31. (canceled)

Claim 32. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, a panel including a start button, the method comprising:

selecting the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start button being operated by the user of the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and is not ~~being~~ returned to the image data communication apparatus; and

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transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 33. (canceled)